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President: Mr. RAMAKER (Netherlands)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.40 p.m.

ARTICLE IV AND RELATED ISSUES (NPT/CONF.1995/MC.III/WP.6)

1. Mr. LUCK (Australia), introduced the working paper (NPT/CONF.1995/MC.III/WP.6), which concerned the potential benefits of nuclear explosions. In that paper, the Conference drew the conclusion that such benefits had not materialized; it noted that serious concerns had been expressed regarding the possible environmental and other consequences of such applications, and drew the situation to the attention of the Conference on Disarmament for its consideration in connection with negotiations on a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty.

2. Mr. WANG Xiaoning (China) pointed out that the question of whether or not an article of the non-proliferation Treaty was applicable or functionally obsolete had to do with amending the Treaty. Such an approach did not fall within the purview of either the Committee or the Conference.

3. He wished to propose an amendment to the second paragraph. After the words "proliferation of nuclear weapons", the words "if such applications are not subject to international supervision" should be added.

4. The last paragraph of working paper 6 went beyond the mandate of the Committee, which should not prejudge the outcome of negotiations on a comprehensive test-ban treaty. That paragraph should therefore be deleted, and should not be included in the report of the Committee.

5. Mr. AKAO (Japan) said he wished to place on record his delegation's full endorsement of working paper 6, including the last paragraph. He wished to suggest only that, in the second paragraph, the words "for non-nuclear-weapon States party to the Treaty" should be deleted.

6. Mr. JUSUF (Indonesia) suggested that, in the second paragraph of the working paper, the word "eventuated" should be changed to "materialized".

7. The CHAIRMAN said that delegations should discuss any proposed amendments to working paper 6 with its sponsors.

8. He informed members that the draft report of the Committee was in the process of reproduction by the Secretariat. He suggested that the meeting should be suspended until the draft report was available.

The meeting was suspended at 4.05 p.m. and resumed at 4.45 p.m.

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9. The CHAIRMAN introduced the draft report of the Committee (NPT/CONF.1995/MC.III/CRP.4).

10. Mr. WANG Xiaoning (China) said it was unfortunate that the draft report was available only in English. He also noted that the full text of working paper 6

was incorporated in part V of the draft report, even though the substance of that part of the report had not yet been discussed by the Committee.

11. The CHAIRMAN said that the official language versions of both working paper 6 and conference room paper 4 would be available on the following day. He took it that the Committee wished to adjourn the formal meeting and continue its discussions as an open-ended working group.

12. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 5.35 p.m.